Launching a COVID-19 Testing Site

Looking to set up a COVID-19 Testing Site?

- Determine need of the community
- Notify your [county health department](#)
- Identify framework best suited for the community (see [additional considerations](#))
- Identify a community partner to host the site (pharmacy, health clinic) -- see the [testing location list](#) for examples
- List your site on the ADHS COVID-19 Testing Sites webpage by completing [this form](#)
- Ask your county health department and/or health partner to contact ADHS if they have testing supply needs

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Local Resources:
- [Local Public Health](#)
- [Established COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)

Patient Education Materials:
- [How to stay safe while waiting for your COVID-19 test results](#) - ADHS
- [How long to stay home when you are sick with COVID-19](#) - ADHS
- [COVID-19 close contacts](#) - ADHS

Site Set-Up Resources:
- [Framework and considerations for testing site set-up](#) - ADHS
- [ADHS Drive-Up Model for Mass COVID-19 Testing](#) - ADHS
- [Drive-Through Testing for Infectious Disease](#) - ASPR TRACIE
- [Sample Procedures for Health Center Drive Through Clinic](#) - National Association of Community Health Centers
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The following provides a framework for establishing a COVID-19 testing site. Most of the decisions below are dependent on the type of specimen collection your site will perform (NP, OP, self collection). Self collection is recommended because it limits the amount of PPE and personnel resources required.

Identify a location

Considerations:
- Volume of patients
- Testing model - drive through, drive-up, indoor

Location partners could include:
- Local schools
- Places of worship
- Businesses
- Parks
- Community organizations

Identify Personnel

Staff types:
- Medical staff
- General staff for site set-up, traffic control, registration, etc.

Personnel sources:
- Staffing agencies
- Healthcare associations
- College and university students, including allied health professional schools
- Local fire/EMS agencies
- National Guard

Obtain Supplies

Recommended supplies:
- PPE
- Specimen collection supplies
- Site supplies (tents, tables, chairs, generators or portable air conditioners, waste disposal, computers, traffic cones)
- Internet connectivity (routers, hotspots)
- Personnel support (restrooms, food, water)

Identify Lab Partner

Considerations for lab selection:
- Labs need to [report electronically](#) to ADHS
- Daily testing capacity/turnaround times
- Electronic ordering and/or patient reporting solution
- Availability of specimen collection materials

Develop Processes

Considerations for site processes:
- Pre-registration options
- Billing/insurance collection ([HRSA program for uninsured](#))
- Methods for reporting results back to patient
- Eligible patient age
- Symptom requirements

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